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SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This is the A bill. I have a breakdown for the first year. The total cost would be \$167,210. Of that, there is a one-time data processing cost of \$69,000. The other expense is two auditors for \$65,609; their benefits, \$16,402; operating costs, \$73,649; travel expense, \$11,550. The...this would likely require the hiring of...filling of three positions, one in Kearney, one in North Platte, and one in Norfolk or Scottsbluff to administer the program. So the A bill the first year would be \$167,210; second year that would drop to \$103,581. Now this is the appropriations bill. This does not take into account any...any reduction of revenue by reason of any tax credits. I would ask that the A bill be advanced also. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have to get my shots at this bill when I can and I want to give my rural colleagues something to think about. You are misleading your constituents. You have urban senators who are complicit. Urban senators are not quite as dumb as they appear to be by voting for this bill. This is one of those where I give nothing in order to be in a position to not have to grant something. We gave you LB 936. You told us that was the salvation of the rural area. When are you going to quit asking me to give you? And you all in the rural areas know even better than I do that this bill is not going to solve a single problem. It's not going to even scratch the surface because it's not aimed at the surface underneath which the true problem is found. It's a nothing bill. It's not even worth the paper, the cost of printing the bill. But I understand that some people have to do certain things and my urban colleagues are just going to laugh all the way back to wherever they go because they got you again. So little, so little are you willing to settle for. But this, I say again, is a political endeavor. Haven't you been taught by your urban colleagues what true giveaways consist of? Now although one of the giveaways took place in Columbus, one company was given just the other day \$30 million in tax breaks. That was just yesterday. How many of you all knew that? Don't